
Pregnant and Parenting Adolescents Support Systems Frequently Asked Questions

1. Which counties will be considered “high risk” as identified in the [2011 Pregnant and Parenting Adolescent Support Services Needs Assessment](#)?

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| 1. Decatur | 11. Vigo |
| 2. Know | 12. Dearborn |
| 3. Lake | 13. Putnam |
| 4. Montgomery | 14. Fayette |
| 5. La Porte | 15. Lawrence |
| 6. Fountain | 16. Clay |
| 7. Grant | 17. Marion |
| 8. Newton | 18. Jennings |
| 9. Vanderburgh | 19. Allen |
| 10. Scott | 20. Starke |

2. Will an additional evaluation weight be assigned to those applicants who are proposing to serve identified “high risk” counties?

Those applicants that serve one or more of the top 20 counties identified in the [2011 Pregnant and Parenting Adolescent Support Services Needs Assessment](#) will be assigned additional evaluation weight.

3. How much additional weight will be assigned to those applicants who are proposing to serve “high risk” counties?

Within the scoring tool "Target Priority Population" is worth a maximum of 10 points. The criteria for this area include serving a high-risk county and serving a high-risk population. Applicants who serve a high-risk county will automatically receive 5 points in evaluation weight. They can then earn an additional 5 points for a detailed description of how populations identified as high risk by the MCH Needs Assessment will be served.

4. Can my application still be considered for funding if I am not proposing to serve “high risk” counties?

Applicants may still apply if their area is not included in the top 20 counties identified as high-risk if they think their area has need. However, please note that if neither the applicant nor its partners for the proposed program for which funding is requested does not serve participants primarily from the counties identified as high risk, then that application will not receive additional weight in the scoring process.

5. Can an applicant agency or organization use funds to supplement an existing program and can funds be used to serve teens that are already being served with preexisting funds?

The applicant agency is able to request Pregnant and Parenting Adolescents Support Services (PPASS) grant funds to achieve the four required PPASS Priority Areas as well as the Additional PPASS Priority Areas.

Should the applicant’s request for funds be utilized to supplement existing programs, the applicant agency must ensure that PPASS grant funding is neither co-mingled, nor supplanting existing federal or federal pass-through funds. That is, for example, if the applicant agency chooses to supplement an existing federally-funded program, “such as Program X”, the applicant agency will be responsible for ensuring that “Program X” funding is accounted for separately than PPASS funds. The applicant agency and its partners are able to use the PPASS funds to serve the same teens that are enrolled in “Program X”; however, PPASS funds should be used to add additional components to the services you are already providing them.

For example, if you are already providing services “to increase healthy birth outcomes,” then PPASS funds should be used to add program components that will address the other three required priority areas (i.e. decreasing repeat pregnancies, decreasing high school dropout rates, building infrastructure) and at least one of the additional priority areas.